

## DCI Cites Sandinista Threat To Central American Stability

In a recent New York speech billed in the press as "the most comprehensive argument for U.S. assistance to the Nicaraguan resistance yet put forward by the Reagan Administration," DCI William J. Casey warned:

"The Soviet Union and Cuba have established and are consolidating a beachhead on the American continent, are putting hundreds of millions of dollars worth of military equipment into it, and have begun to use it as a launching pad to carry their style of aggressive subversion into the rest of Central America and elsewhere in Latin America."

He warned that "Today, we see Nicaragua becoming to Central and Latin America what Beirut was to the Middle East for almost 15 years since 1970 when Lebanon became the focal point for international and regional terrorists."

Intelligence analysts, he said, have studied the blueprint used by seven totalitarian regimes in seizing and consolidating power. "They have identified 46 indicators of the consolidation of power by a Marxist-Leninist regime. Of the 46 indicators, Nicaragua in five and one-half years has accomplished 33."

The DCI recalled the 1984 report of the Bipartisan Commission on Central America which warned that a communist Central America would likely be followed by the destabilization of Mexico. "Today," said Casey, "the Cuban and Nicaraguan military forces are together four times the size of Mexico's and are equipped with vastly superior weapons. Today, with armed forces larger and better equipped than the rest of Central America put together, Nicaragua could walk through Costa Rica, which has no army, to Panama, and Cuba can threaten our vital sea lanes in the Caribbean."

Casey recognized the insurgent movement in Nicaragua as the major obstacle to Sandinista consolidation, noting that the force encourages the erosion of active support for the Sandinistas by creating uncertainties about the future of the regime; by challenging its claims to political legitimacy; and by giving hope to the leaders of the political opposition.

The "Contra" opposition, the DCI said, can increase the pressure until the Sandinista support has eroded sufficiently to leave them no option other than modification of their rejection of internal reconciliation. "The objective is to allow for the same process of democratization that is taking place in the rest of Central America to occur in Nicaragua."

He reminded the audience that the Soviet Union's subversive war is neither localized nor bloodless. "Marxist-Leninist policies and tactics have unleashed the four horses of the Apocalypse—Famine, Pestilence, War and Death. Throughout the Third World we see famine in Africa, pestilence through chemical and biological agents in Afghanistan and Indochina, war on three continents and death everywhere. Even as I speak, some 300,000 Soviet, Vietnamese and Cuban troops are carrying out savage military operations directed at wiping out national resistance in Afghanistan, Kampuchea, Ethiopia and several other countries." Casey describes these actions as a holocaust, comparable to that which Nazi

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document that would change world history: the Declaration of Independence. He also wrote the statute of Virginia for religious freedom and is known as the father of the University of Virginia. He was talented in music, architecture, law, medicine, engineering, astronomy, horticulture, mathematics and literature. And he has an understanding of the necessity for good intelligence as indicated in the following letter:

"Philadelphia, July 1, 1776

Dear Fleming:

Yours of the 22nd June . . . this and your former contain interesting intelligence.

Our affairs in Canada go still retrograde, but I hope they are now nearly at their worst. The fatal source of these misfortunes have been the want of hard money with which to procure provisions, the ravages of the small pox with which one half of our army is still down, and an unlucky choice of some officers . . .

— Burgoyne pursuing Gen. Sullivan with double or triple his numbers. Gen. Schuyler has sent him orders to retire to Crown Point.

— opinion of all General officers that an effectual stand may be made & the enemy not only prevented access to New York but by preserving a superiority on all the lakes we may renew our attacks on them

— Conspiracy at New York is not yet thoroughly developed; one of the General's lifeguard convicted and was to be shot last Saturday

— Gen. Howe arrived at the Hook and said to have landed some horse on the Jersey Shore

— the famous Maj. Rogers in custody on suspicion being in the conspiracy."

Of all the presidents who have had an instructive appreciation of the necessity for intelligence none can equal Abraham Lincoln. Perhaps it should be added that fortunately for this nation only he as president had to live in the cauldron of a War Between the States. As the bitter struggle progressed the president, by necessity, had to assume the role of Commander-in-Chief in every aspect, becoming better informed on the Confederate forces than any other officer of the Union.

Herndon said of Lincoln he was one whom "God rolled through his fiery furnace."

Years later Edwin Markham at the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial in 1922 said:

"The color of the ground was in him, the red earth  
The smack and tang of elemental things.

Sprang from the West,  
He drank the valorous youth of a new world  
The strength of virgin forests braced his mind,  
The hush of spacious prairies still his soul.  
His words were oaks in acorns,

And his thoughts  
Were roots that firmly gripped the granite truth."

Germany inflicted in Europe forty years ago.

The DCI made it clear that the subversive war is not limited to bloodshed and terror. "A worldwide propaganda campaign has been mounted and carried out on behalf of the Sandinista guerrillas which would not have been possible without the capabilities, the contacts and the communications channels provided by the Soviet bloc and Cuba. The Sandinistas themselves have shown remarkable ingenuity and skill in projecting disinformation into the United States itself. Perhaps the best example of this is the systematic campaign to deceive well intentioned members of the western media and of western religious institutions."